

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COBB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Plaintiff:

and

Defendant:

Civil Action File No:

PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION AND CUSTODY

The Petition of _____ respectfully shows to the Court the following facts:

1. Plaintiff shows that he is a resident of Cobb County, Georgia and that he is the father of illegitimate child(ren) with the following names and birth dates:

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Male/Female</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>

2. The Defendant/Mother of said child(ren), _____, who is a resident of _____ County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court,

(choose one:)

☐ has consented in writing to the legitimation of said child(ren) and to the physical and legal custody being awarded to Plaintiff. Her consent is attached hereto as Exhibit AA@.

OR

☐ is deceased, having died on _____. A copy of her death certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit AA@.

There is no other legal parent of this child(ren), and the child(ren) has no legal guardian.

1. Plaintiff desires that the surname of said child(ren) be changed to _____, that said child(ren)'s name(s) be changed on the birth record of the child(ren), and that Plaintiff's name be entered as father on the birth record of the child(ren). Plaintiff further requests that the Department of Vital Statistics be ordered and directed to amend the birth records of said child(ren) and to reissue a birth certificate showing Plaintiff, _____ as father and changing the child(ren)'s last name(s) to Plaintiff's last name: _____.

4. Plaintiff shows that he has had physical custody of the minor child(ren) since (fill in the date) _____. The child(ren) came to live with him because _____.
_____.
Plaintiff is entitled to the physical and legal custody of said child(ren).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

- a) That the Court enter an Order legitimating the child(ren) named in the Petition, causing the surname(s) of said child(ren) to be changed to _____, and that the records of birth of said child(ren) be changed to show the name of the father as Plaintiff, to wit, _____, so henceforth said child(ren) will be the recognized and legitimate child(ren) of the Plaintiff;
- b) That Plaintiff be granted legal and physical custody of the child(ren); and
- c) That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

This the _____ day of _____, _____.
[date] [month] [year]

(Sign your name here)

Pro Se

Plaintiff=s name (print or type):_____

Plaintiff=s address:_____

Plaintiff=s telephone number: (____) _____